

# Download the FREE Recycle Coach App

- · View your trash and recycling schedules.
- Set recycling reminders and never miss a collection day.
- Receive reminders for Cumberland County's Household Hazardous Waste and Document Shredding events.
- Unsure if an item is recyclable? Use the in app search function "Recyclepedia" to find out what goes where.

## Search "Recycle Coach" on Google Play or the Apple Store

Don't have a smart phone? Follow this link for a PC/laptop friendly version: www.theauthoritynj.com/recyclingprogram





For more information on Cumberland County's recycling program, please visit www.theauthoritynj.com or call Samantha DeFrancisco Cumberland County Recycling and Clean Communities Coordinator at 856.825.3700 x1270.



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### CUMBERLAND COUNTY RECYCLE GUIDELINES



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### **DO Recycle**

### **DON'T Recycle**





#### Paper:

Newspapers, magazines, and junk mail.

**Papel** 



NEWS

#### Cardboard:

Flatten before recycling.

**Cartulina** 



#### Plastic:

Only #1, #2, and #5. Remove cap, rinse, and empty before recycling.

Plásticossolamente #1 o #2 o #5



#### Glass:

Bottles and jars. Rinse and empty before recycling.

**Vidrios** 





#### Cans:

Aluminum and Tin Cans. Rinse and empty before recycling.

Latas de alumnio, estaño, o acero



**NO** Plastic Bags or Plastic Wraps.

No bolsas plásticas



**NO** Food or Liquid Waste. Empty all containers.

No basura



NO Tanglers. (Hoses, Wires and Chains)

Sin enredos



NO Scrap Metal No metales



NO Bulky Plastics No plásticos grandes

### **FAQ Section**

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### Why are you only accepting #1, #2, and #5 plastic jugs, jars, bottles, and tubs?

By limiting the type of plastic recycled, we can reduce the amount of contamination within our recycling stream. This is the best strategy for today's everchanging recycling market.

### What is contamination in the recycling stream?

Contamination includes plastics #3, #4, #6, and #7, plastic bags, bulky or rigid plastics, styrofoam, food waste, and moisture. Everyone benefits by recycling only those items that can be sorted and recycled properly. The cleaner the material from residents, the cleaner it stays through the recycling process.

### Why am I now being told to rinse out my containers before recycling them?

The presence of moisture and food residue can contaminate other recycling materials when they are mixed together at the sorting facility.

### Can I recycle plastic bags at my local convenience center or curbside recycling?

NO! When plastic bags arrive at the sorting facility, they continuously clog up the machinery and become tangled in the sorting equipment. This causes hazardous working conditions for the recycling staff. Keep all recyclables loose!

#### What can be done with plastic bags then?

Return plastic bags and plastic wrap to retail department and grocery stores. Most have collection containers available by the entrance.